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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

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SUBJECT: INGERSOLL ARRIVAL QUITO

1. I WAS MET BY LARGE GROUP OF REPORTERS, MANY OF THEM FROM U.S. MEDIA, ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT TODAY. QUESTIONING, ESPECIALLY BY FRANK MANITZAS, CBS RADIO, WAS BRIEF BUT PENE- TRATING, AIMED SQUARELY AT OUR POSITION IN LIGHT OF INDE- CISIVE HEAD COUNT TO DATE.

2. FOLLOWING IS MY Q&A AT THE AIRPORT, WHICH IS MUCH THE SAME AS MY NON-COMMITTAL COMMENTS TO REPORTERS AT AIRPORT IN BOGOTA:

A. HAVE YOU ALL REACHED A DECISION YET?

A. YOU MEAN ABOUT THE U.S. POSITION?

Q. YES.

A. WELL, OUR POSITION IS A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ONE. THAT'S OUR ATTITUDE HERE IN QUITO.

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1. WELL, ORIGINALLY, WHEN MR. KISSINGER SAID HE WAS NOT COMING, HE SAID HE WOULD ABSTAIN. HAS THAT CHANGED?

A. WE HAVEN'T ANNOUNCED OUR FIRM POSITION ON THIS YET, FRANK.

Q. WHY IS IT DIFFERENT FROM 1962 WHEN OUR POSITION WAS ANNOUNCED?

A. BEFOREHAND?

Q. YES.

A. I HADN'T REALIZED IT WAS, WAS IT?

Q. YES, IT WAS.

A. WE'RE BASING OUR DECISION HERE ON THE NATURE OF THIS PARTICULAR MEETING.

Q. MR. ROGERS, WILL THE U.S. FOLLOW THE MAJORITY HERE?

A. WE'RE NOT MAKING ANY STATEMENTS ABOUT OUR POSITION.

Q. WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE POSITION OF YOUR COUNTRY AT THIS CONFERENCE?

A. WE'RE NOT MAKING A STATEMENT ABOUT OUR POSITION HERE EXCEPT THAT WE'RE COMING HERE WITH A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE.

3. UNABLE TO SAY BECAUSE OF YOUR EARLY ARRIVAL IF YOUR WILL BE MET BY EQUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF REPORTERS HERE BUT FEEL IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PULL YOU THROUGH A SIMILAR SWARM, IF YOU HAD SET STATEMENT READY, ALONG SIMILAR LINES. BRIAN BELL WILL BE ON HAND TO HANDLE PRESS AND TERMINATE QUESTIONING PROMPTLY.
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